Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



2608 Government Center Dr. Manistee, MI 49660

Resolution #17-0111-003

Setting Compensation for Gaming Enterprise Oversight Task Force Members

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and a treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and
- WHEREAS, the legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members and to govern the conduct of members of the Little River Band and other persons within its jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution to create by ordinance regulatory commissions or subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the affairs and enterprises of the Little River Band; and

- WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) of the Constitution vests the authority in the Tribal Council to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate those funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended the Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act of 2010, Ordinance Number 10-800-03, which provides for appropriate monitoring, oversight and direction regarding the management and operation of any and all existing and future Gaming Enterprise(s), which Ordinance shall be effective on January 11, 2017; and
- WHEREAS, Article XIII of the Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act provides for staggering terms of Task Force members; and
- WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.07 of the Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act provides that each At-Large Member of the Oversight Task Force shall be paid compensation as authorized by Resolution of the Tribal Council, and further provides that compensation may not be diminished during any term of office.
- NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, in accordance with the Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-800-03, hereby sets the compensation for At-Large Members of the Oversight Task Force at \$1,250.00 per month stipend effective on the beginning of each term following the adoption of this Resolution.
- IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Oversight Task Force shall continue to have all reasonable travel expenses and associated costs related to conducting official business paid by the Tribal Government; provided that all travel arrangements shall be processed by the Tribal Government Purchasing and Travel Office in accordance with Tribal laws and approved regulations and policies.
- IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT invoices shall continue to be issued by the Tribal Government directly to the Little River Casino Resort for all compensation and reimbursable travel expenses and associated costs paid to the members of the Oversight Task Force, and the Little River Casino Resort shall promptly reimburse the Tribal Government.
- IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs the Oversight Task Force to include an appropriation in each gaming operation fiscal year budget sufficient to cover compensation and reimbursable expenses associated with the Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act of 2010.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, and 1 Vacant, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 11, 2017, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Joseph Riley, II, Tribal Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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